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House Bill _____
By _____

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By Hamilton

A RESOLUTION to honor Dorcie Lee Yates and to congratulate him on his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should duly recognize those outstanding state employees who through their hard work and diligence have proven themselves to be invaluable servants of their state, and who are approaching significant milestones in their illustrious careers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dorcie Lee Yates, District Supervisor for the Division of Food and General Sanitation, Tennessee Department of Health, has taken a much deserved retirement after forty-six years of service that stands unparalleled in excellence in the annals of this great state's history; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, Mr. Yates spent his childhood in Camden, Tennessee, attending the Benton County and Camden City Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yates patriotically served our great nation for three years in the United States Navy, seeing New York and much of the South Pacific during his service; and

WHEREAS, after college in St. Albans, New York, Mr. Yates returned to his home state and married a devoted woman, the former Ann Mills of Parson; and

WHEREAS, with a great interest in protecting the health and well-being of fellow citizens and conserving the resources with which we have all been blessed, Mr. Yates sought employment with the Tennessee Department of Health in 1949 and was promptly hired as an environmentalist; and

WHEREAS, included in his many accomplishments at the Department of Health is the development of the first locally funded solid waste program in our nation's history; evidence of Mr. Yates' knowledge and expertise in environmental health; and

WHEREAS, his years of faithful service include actively supporting progressive solid waste programs in a host of Tennessee counties, in addition to several southeastern states; and

WHEREAS, appropriately, Mr. Yates was the recipient of the Tennessee Public Health Association's 1973 Public Health Worker of the Year award, and in 1986 he was named Worker of the Year by the Tennessee State Employee's Association; and

WHEREAS, also in 1986, Mr. Yates was appointed to the State Board of Examiners for registered professional environmentalists by Governor Lamar Alexander and was reappointed in 1992 by Governor Ned McWherter; and

WHEREAS, despite the pressing demands of this work, Mr. Yates found professional affiliations fulfilling and beneficial, as his memberships include the Tennessee Public Health Association, the Tennessee State Employees Association, the National Environmental Health Association, and the Tennessee Environmental Health Association; and

WHEREAS, even though he answered the tantalizing call of retirement on January 31, 1995, co-workers at the Department of Health are sure that he will not only be missed, but he will also leave behind a legacy of excellence that will be hard to equal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the long and outstanding career of Dorcie Lee Yates, that we congratulate him on his retirement, and that we wish him well in his new life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Yates, with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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